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This undocumented source probably chronicles the date when NH Felt and Mary L. Pile meet for the first time.

"EIGHTY-NINTH COMPANY. -- Cynosure, 159 souls. Sunday, July 29, 1855, the ship Cynosure sailed from Liverpool, England, with 159 Saints on board, under the presidency of Elder George Seager, with Elder William Rogers and William J. Silver as counselors, (Millennial Star, Vol XVII, page 505.) The following account is furnished by Elder William J. Silver, now a resident of the Seventeenth Ward, Salt Lake City: 'In the summer of 1855 and for several years afterwards, a large number of European Saints who had not sufficient means to defray the traveling expenses from their native lands all the way to Utah, were organized into companies and forwarded by the presidency in Liverpool to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and other places in the United States, where they could earn means to enable them to proceed further on their journey, and at the same time form nucleuses for branches of the Church, and help Elder John Taylor, in New York, and Elder Erastus Snow, in St. Louis, to sustain the Mormon and the Luminary -- papers published by them in the interest of the Church. It was intended to send a company on the ship Australia, but as some defects were discovered in her which could not be repaired in time, the Cynosure, Captain Pray, was substituted. This ship left the dock at Liverpool, July 28th, 1855, and sailed the following day for New York, where she arrived, after a pretty fair voyage, on the morning of September 5th, at Castle Garden, they being one of the first companies of Latter-day Saints which were accommodated in that historic building, which had opened for emigration purposes a short time previous. This was a very agreeable surprise to the emigrants, as it gave them time to make their arrangements, etc., while those who wished to go further could do so without incurring expenses for lodging. In New York, the emigrants were received by Apostle John Taylor and his assistants, N. H. Felt and Elder Robbins, and by the active exertions of W. H. Miles and Charles Davey, were soon comfortably housed; and before long most of the men found employment. There were several miners from Wales, who went to Pennsylvania and there located, while some went to other localities. Most of them subsequently came to Utah."

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Poem written by Joseph Linfitt

The following lines were composed for the occasion, on board the ship Cynosure, bearing a company of one hundred and sixty-two Latter-day Saints from Liverpool to New York:

The Cynosure

The Cynosure is under weigh.

The sailors shout their cheers;

Nobly she does her helm obey,

As on her course she steers.

The Saints rejoice,
With heart and voice
(Their trust in God is sure;)
While seas ring out,
With song and shout,
On board the Cynosure!
Shine on, shine on, thou polar star,
Thy beams propitious shed;
To guide our ship to realms afar,
And gladness round us spread.
Our ship² CONT Bright by thy flame.
While forth our prayers we pour;
And seas ring out,
Our song and shout,
On board the Cynosure!
Father! To thee all praise and prayer,
No by thy Saints be given;
That we, thy gospel blessing share,
To lead us up to heaven.
O holy Lord,
Who by the word,
Hast made thy promise sure,
To thee we² CONT The song of praise,
On board the Cynosure!
We pray for wives and children dear,
And friends we² CONT That over the seas they soon may steer,
A home with us to find.
We Mormons then,
Will shout again,
In Zion² CONT And bless the day,
We sailed away,
On board the Cynosure! . . . [p.1]